Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 03 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 04 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 03 Dec 2020 at 03:36 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for deteriorating conditions on Friday, but lower for timing of rain and snow and snow falling level. Low confidence for the weekend and Monday.

Headline for Thursday 03 Dec 2020: Low cloud and a few snow showers in the morning. Mainly dry and sunny afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 03 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
40%	30%	30%	<05%	<05%	00%

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Weather: Frequent snow showers during the early hours. Low cloud in the morning, but showers becoming confined to the coast. Dry with sunny spells in the afternoon. Clear skies in the evening will allow temperatures to fall quickly.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% or less during the morning, cloud extensive above 400m, near the west coast, 500-600m further east. Improving to 40-50% in the afternoon, 80% by the evening as cloud lifts and breaks.

Visibility: Very poor in low cloud at height in the morning, becoming very good or excellent through the afternoon as cloud breaks up.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	19/24 S	14/18 S	10/14 S	7/10 SE	5/7 E	8/11 E	16/20 NE
900	14/18 S	10/14 S	9/12 S	7/9 SE	6/8 SE	7/10 E	13/17 NE
600	17/21 S	10/14 S	8/11 S	5/7 SE	3/5 SE	6/8 E	12/15 NE
300	9/13 S	6/10 S	5/9 S	3/5 SE	4/6 E	3/5 NE	6/9 N
Glen	7/13 S	4/8 SW	4/7 S	3/5 SE	3/5 E	4/7 NE	5/10 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-6/-14	-7/-14	-7/-13	-8/-12	-8/-12	-8/-13	-7/-14
900	-4/-11	-5/-10	-4/-9	-5/-9	-8/-13	-7/-12	-6/-13
600	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-5	-3/-5	-3/-7	-4/-9
300	-0/-4	-0/-4	0/-3	0/-2	-1/-3	-2/-4	-3/-6
Glen	1/-3	1/-1	2/-0	1/-0	-1/-3	-1/-4	-2/-5
Freezing Level*	200m	200m	200m	200m	100m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A notable wind chill at height. Fresh snow down to glen levels.

Forecast for Friday 04 Dec 2020

Weather: High cloud spreads west through the early hours. Cloud thickens and lowers soon after dawn with snow through the morning, becoming patchier by the afternoon and turning to rain below 500-600m. Heavier, more persistent snow, rain below 800m, spreads west across most ranges in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northeast 20 gusting 30 mph, increasing to 35-40 gusting 55 mph soon after dawn.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 100% around dawn. Soon falling to 10-20% as increasingly extensive cloud lowers to 500-700m in the morning. Best chance of cloud breaks across western coastal ranges, especially in the afternoon.

Visibility: Very good or excellent at dawn. Deteriorating to very poor at height as low cloud spreads west in the morning. Often near zero with blizzards and white out conditions at munro level.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius in the afternoon.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius rising to minus 1 Celsius in the afternoon.
Freezing level: 100m, rising to 400m by mid-morning, 800m by dusk, then 1000m in the evening

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